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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Barry S. FAGG et al.

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EXAMINER:

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CIGARETTE ROD PRODUCT WITH DIFFERENT DENSITIES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

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listed re	ferences are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English
translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.	
	A check is attached in the amount required under 27 CED \$1.17(n)

A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

Attached is a copy of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. These documents are listed on form PTO-1449, also attached.

A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

PETITION

Applicant(s) hereby request consideration of the attached information. A check is attached in the amount of the Petition fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1).

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 23-2185. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Respectfully Submitted,

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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants, through counsel, hereby submit three (3) sheets of formal drawings containing Figures 1-7 in lieu of the drawings filed originally with this application on November 9, 2001.

The drawing informalities have been corrected as required by the attached Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

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